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Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

Earlier this week, we began a new round of universal testing of members and staff for coronavirus at our Home. We have begun to receive those results and unfortunately, I am disappointed to have to report that we have one member at Olson Hall and one from MacArthur who have tested positive. We also have one staff who works in a non-member area who has tested positive. We expect to have all results from this round of testing by early next week. Staff will be not allowed to return to work until they have completed their quarantine.

Of the 2 members, one is symptomatic, and one is not. Both are in quarantine and will be cared for by staff who have been trained in infectious disease control and will be wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment.

While we were able to contain the spread of the COVID-19 cases we had last month and recover, we know that this virus is very contagious. Coronavirus cases in the state and nation continue to rise. While we have the virus on our campus, we cannot institute safe visits plans, something I know we all want. In order to make these things happen, we need your help. The way you can help is by continuing good, safe practices. Please, stay at home as much as possible and avoid gatherings. If you must go out, remember to practice social distancing, mask wearing, and frequent hand washing.

Finally, thank you to all who have shared with us your email addresses and cell phone numbers as we continue to transition from paper-based communications to digital communications. For those who haven't yet, **I encourage you to visit www.WisVetsEmail.com and provide us with your name, email address, and/or cell phone number.** This will allow us to send future updates such as these to you via email or text. Initially, this will not replace paper communications, but we want to be able to provide these updates to you as quickly as possible. We will eventually be transitioning away from paper communications. In the meantime, these updates are available on the WDVA website at www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com.

If you have any questions, I am happy to address them.

Sincerely,

Diane Lynch, Homes Division Administrator